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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/686,627	Applicant(s) KATOH ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Inventorship

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshioka et al (US 6,116,227).

Regarding claim 1, the reference of Yoshioka et al discloses fuel injection control device for a spark ignition engine having a fuel injector (3) in an intake port (14) including the following subject matters:

an engine rotation speed sensor detecting an engine rotation speed (col. 5, lines 35-40);
and

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a programmable controller programmed to:

calculate a basic injection amount of fuel (col. 5, lines 41-43);

calculate a target fuel injection amount by correcting the basic fuel amount in response to the trend in variation of the engine rotation speed (col. 5, lines 41-63); and

control a fuel injection amount of the fuel injector to the target fuel injection amount (col. 5, lines 61-63).

Regarding claim 2, the reference of Yoshioka et al further discloses the controller is further programmed to determine whether or not the engine is in a startup state, and when the engine is not in a startup state, to prevent the basic fuel amount from being corrected in response to the trend in variation of the engine rotation speed (col. 9, line 31 through col. 10, line 7).

Regarding claim 3, the reference of Yoshioka et al further discloses the engine is an engine for driving a vehicle which comprises a starter switch for cranking the engine, and the controller is further programmed to determine that the engine is in the startup state when the starter switch is ON (Fig. 14 and col. 18, lines 22-57).

Regarding claim 4, as above rejections.

Regarding claims 5-6, as discussed in claim 1.

Regarding claim 7, the reference of Yoshioka et al further discloses the engine rotation speed sensor comprises a crank angle sensor (7) which detects variation in a crank angle of the engine and the first signal comprises a signal corresponding to a unit crank angle and the second signal comprises a signal corresponding to a predetermined crank angle (col. 8, lines 51-64).

Regarding claims 8-16, as above discussions.

Regarding claims 17-18, as discussed in the fuel injection device of claim 1.

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The copies of U.S Patent are provided.

Takizawa et al (US 6,292,730 B1), Okamoto et al (US 6,192,307 B1), Yoshioka (US 5,852,998) and Shirakawa (US 5,706,780).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Johnny H. Hoang whose telephone number is (703) 308-2782. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00Am-5: 30Pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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